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1932-33 ECJC Warrior Basketball Team

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1934-1935 E. C. J. C. Warrior Football Team (*Squad*) Decatur, MS

Back

Standing (l to r)

Coach Wilson (D)
Jim Keenan (D)
Walker Barham (D)
Sam "Sheep" George (D)
Reeves
"Hub" Brown (D)
Mitch Grissom (D)
"Gorp" Clements
Morris Young (D)
Earl "Bottle" Walters
Shelby Miller (D)
"Frog" Pace

Second

Kneeling (l to r)

Frank Hunter
"Hack" Vance
Clois Stone
"Boo" Hutto
Carlson
Stanley Orinosky
"Bing" Crosby (D)
Kermit Jackson (D)
Howard Bagwell
Hubert Clements

Front Row

Sitting

Frank Thomas
Burl Landrum
Frank Gann (D)
Charlie Horn (D)
Klein Parks (D)
Ed Temple
W. O. "Red" Lee
John M. Currie (D)

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E. C. J. C. Glee Club

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E.C.J.C.
Warriors - 1935-36
Decatur Miss.

E. C. C. Decatur, Miss.

Back Row Left to Right		Middle Row Left to Right	
Coach (Ant) Frank Chase		"Aard" Vincent	
"Jumpy" Walden		"Senator" Richardson	
"Red" Lynch		"Red" Scott	Doc
"Silo" Harvin		"Smoking King" Gordon	
Charlie Ray		"Scoop" Howard	
"Buck" G. McKim		"Hopper" McCall	
Coach (Head) Pat Wilson		"F. Hopper" Webb	Doc
"Big Shot" Davis		"Piti" Roper	Doc
"Big Lodi" Henry		"King" Atter	
"Beyonder" Nelson		"Sarday" Hunt	Doc
P. C. Blount		"Bryan" Sweeney	
"Pistol" Payne		"Hood One" Colledge	
Stanley Oronoskie			
Coach (Ant) R. W. Laster	Doc		

Front Row Left to Right	
"Pimp" Fick	
"Carpal" Tucker	
Elmer Mooney	
Logan Jackson	
"Jim" Temple	
"Curly Lock" Strand	Doc
"Horse Face" Highman	Doc
"Dick" Furdy	Doc
"Vic" Cunniff	Cunningham
"Binky" Jones	Doc
"Binky" Black	

Managers

E. C. J. C. Decatur, MS

Back row: Left to right

Coach (Asst.) Frank Cross

“Gump” Walden

“Red” Lynch

“Silo” Garvin

Charlie Ray

“Buck” Watkins

Coach (Head) Wilson (Deceased)

“Big Shot” Davis

“Blondy” Henry

“Baby Face” Nelson

P. C. Blount

“Pistol” Payne

Stanley Oronaski

Coach (Asst.) K. W. Austin (Deceased)

Front row: Left to right

“Chinak” Hicks

“Corpall” Lucken

Elmer Mooney

Gordon Jackson

“Jim” Temple

“Curly Lock” Stround (Deceased)

“Horse Face” Heighman (Deceased)

Lundy (Deceased)

“Vick” Cunningham

“Vick” Qurrie (Deceased)

“Windy” Blass

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[Some names may have been incorrectly transcribed]

Middle row: Left to right

“Arno” Vincent

“Senator” Richardson

“Red” Scott (Deceased)

“Smoke Ring” Gordon

“Scoop” Howard

“Governor” McCool

“Lt. Governor” Weeb (Deceased)

“Lite” Bowie (Deceased)

“King” Alford

“Sonny” Grant (Deceased)

Bryan Duncan

“Good One” Catlidge

Managers

“Frog” Pace (1st)

Jonis McGraw (2nd) (Deceased)



29	30	23	27	20	27	32	34	16	21	20	27	35	25
43	27	39	45	44	31	32	47	36	46	35	26		
30	24	37	29	40	28	38	33	41	25	34			

1936-1937 ECJC Warrior Football Team (Squad)

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1955 WO-HE-LO Staff

Ovid Vickers – Ann Snuggs – Johnnie Biggs - Thomas Gles

Carol Pace – Tommie Joe Buntah – Bill Beaver


Freeman Parker – Jimmy Thrash – Polly Pearson

Cullen Saxton

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VALENTINE





**Seated From left –Torris Lyle –Alice Gipson – Ovid Vickers
Bobbie Ruth Oliphant – Alice Gilbert
Eugema Carleton – Carol Pace
1956-1957
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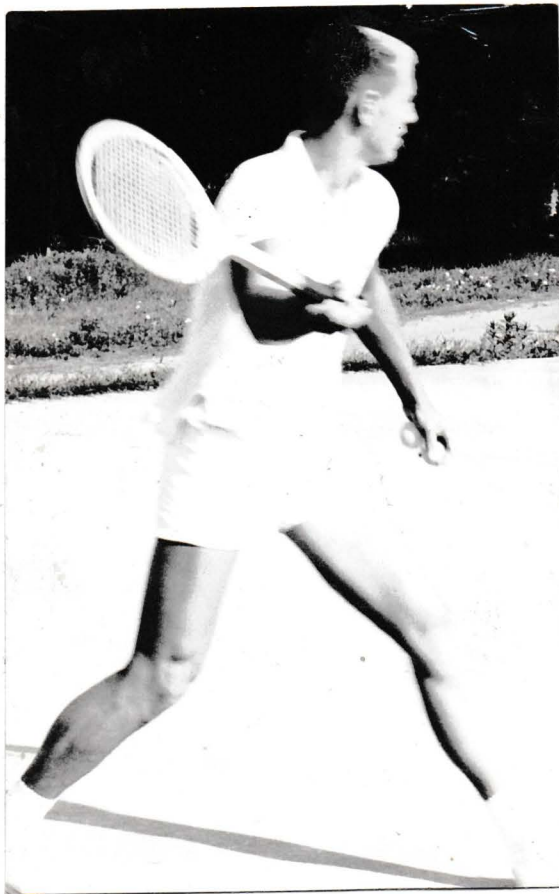


Tucker Vo-Tech S. t s (*exactly as is on the back of picture*)
Where Football Field is in This Picture
(Donated by Mr. Ovid Vickers 5/2010)



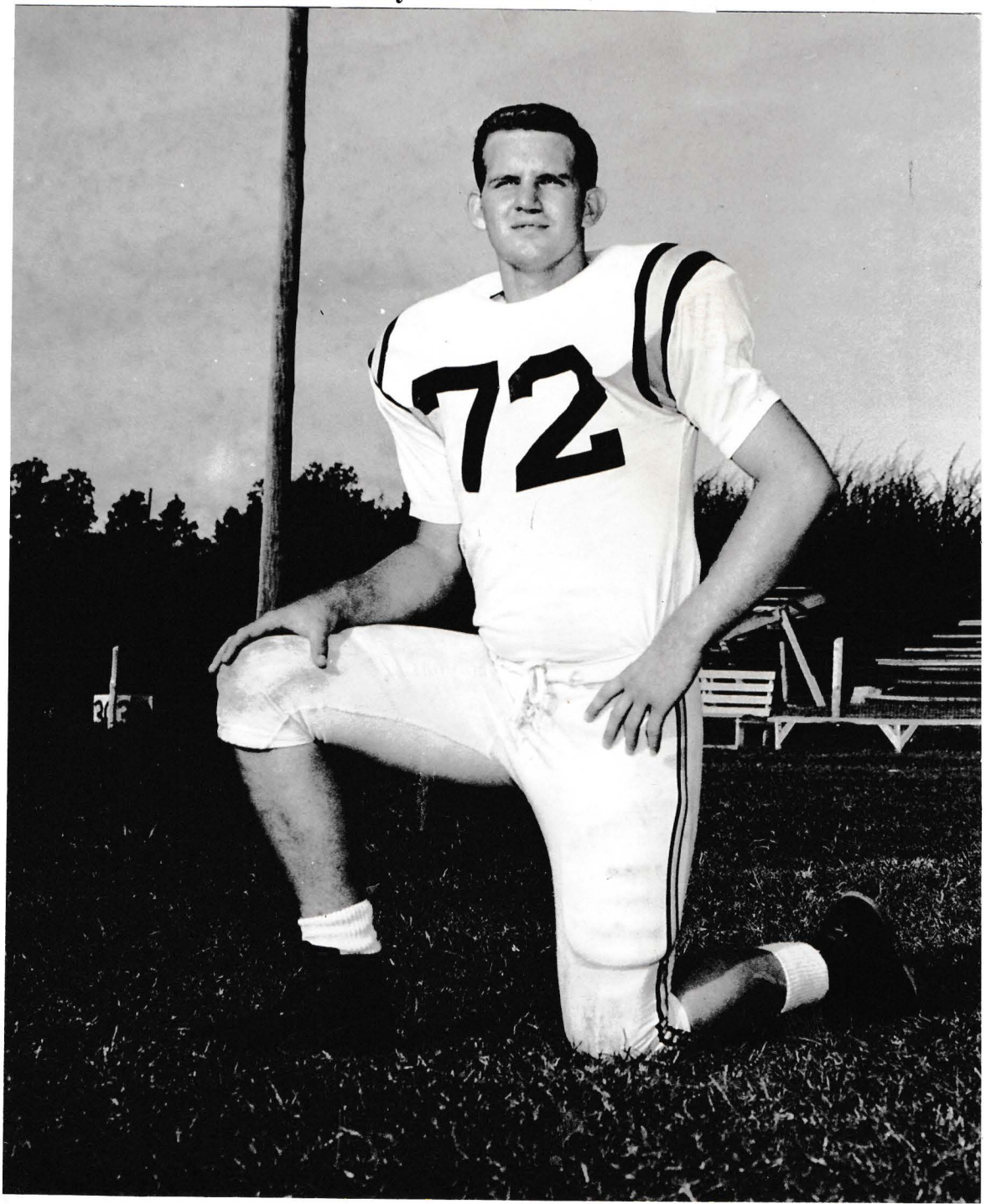


**Bob Baker – Jim Wilkerson – Keith Hudson – Henry Hudspeth
Henry Allman – Bob Yarborough(?) – Chester Sawyer
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Billy Wayne Baucum of Newton

Larry Henderson of Morton





ECJC BOYS TEAM UNDEFEATED—The boys tennis team at East Central Junior College, Decatur, finished their season undefeated this year, under the coaching of Miss Lucille Wood of Louisville. Members of the girls and boys teams, pictured from left to right are: (front row) Gail Keller of Little Rock, Pat Donald of Carthage, Jimmy

Hurdle of Carthage, and Beverly Hudson of Noxapater; (back row) Rita Gibbon of Hickory, Ronnie F. Carthage, David Blout of Decatur, David McW. Decatur, Mike Brown of Carthage, and Sherr of Edinburg.

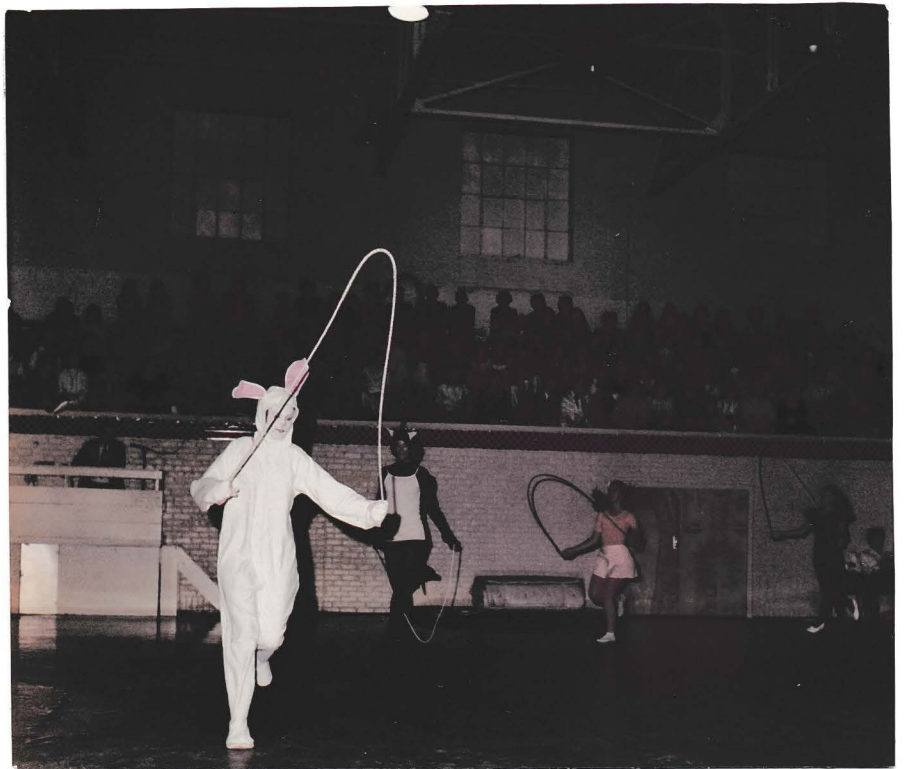
boys teams, pictured from left to right are: (front row) of Edinburg.
Gail Keller of Little Rock, Pat Donald of Carthage, Jimmy



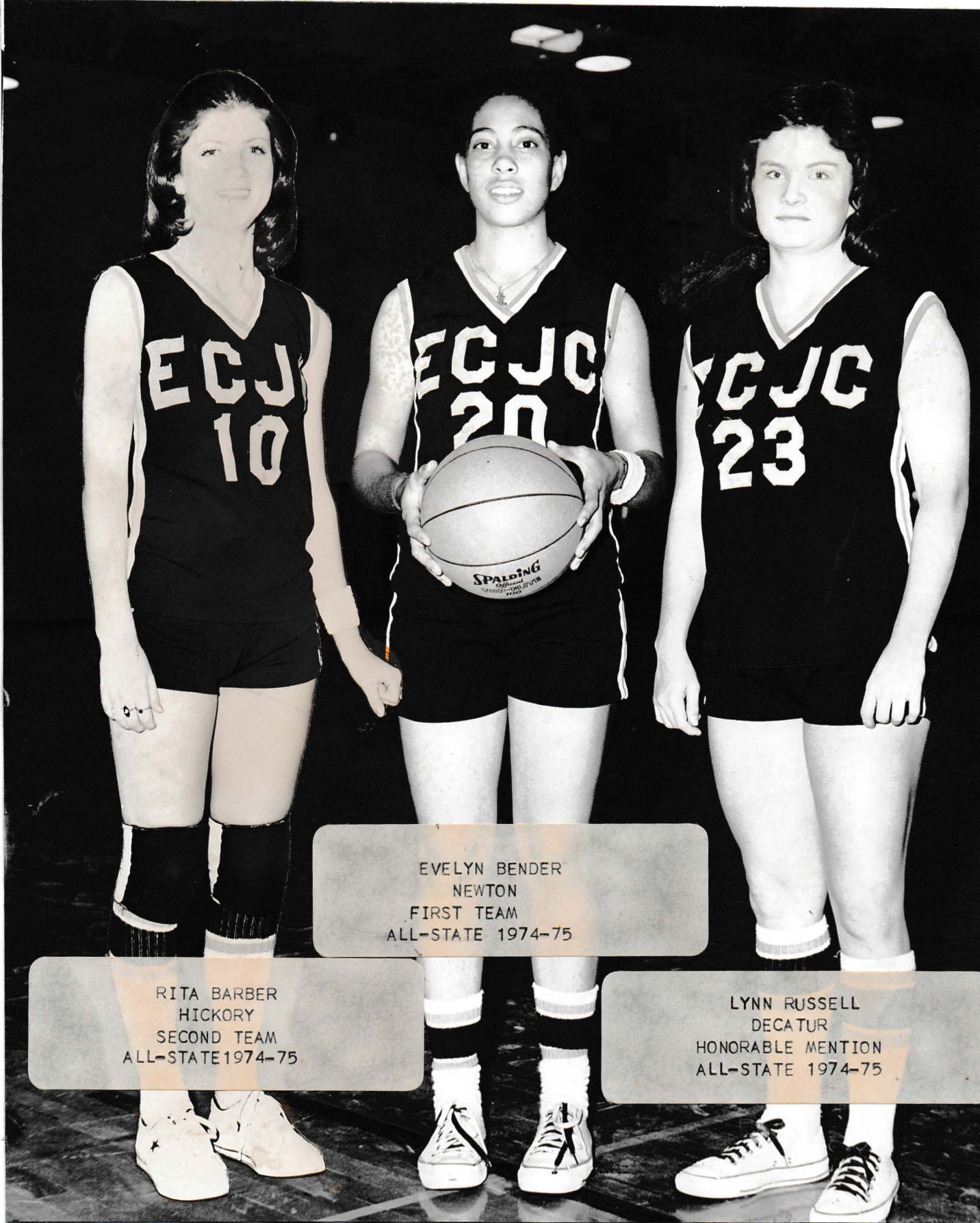
May Day 1973











EVELYN BENDER
NEWTON
FIRST TEAM
ALL-STATE 1974-75

RITA BARBER
HICKORY
SECOND TEAM
ALL-STATE 1974-75

LYNN RUSSELL
DECATUR
HONORABLE MENTION
ALL-STATE 1974-75



ECJC- 1976-77

*Second South MS.
Second in the
state*

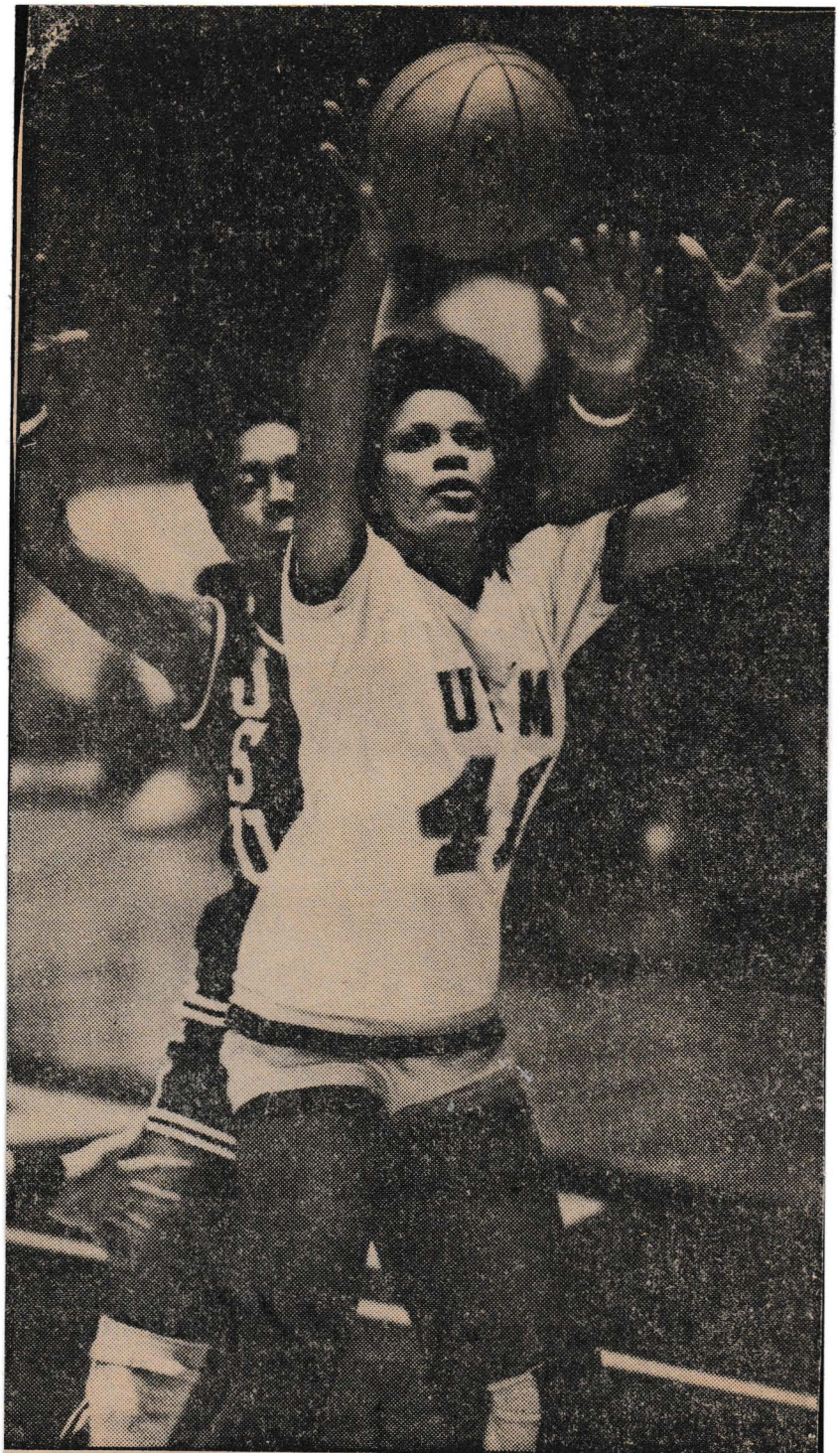
JEANETTE BARNES
BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER

JULIE LATHAM
TEAM CAPTAIN

DIANA LYONS
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER

SHEILA WARD
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

TAMMIE TADLOCK
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER



Staff Photo by Jay Koelzer

Southern Mississippi's Diana Lyons reaches for a pass as Jackson State's Pam McDonald reacts defensively during the women's state.

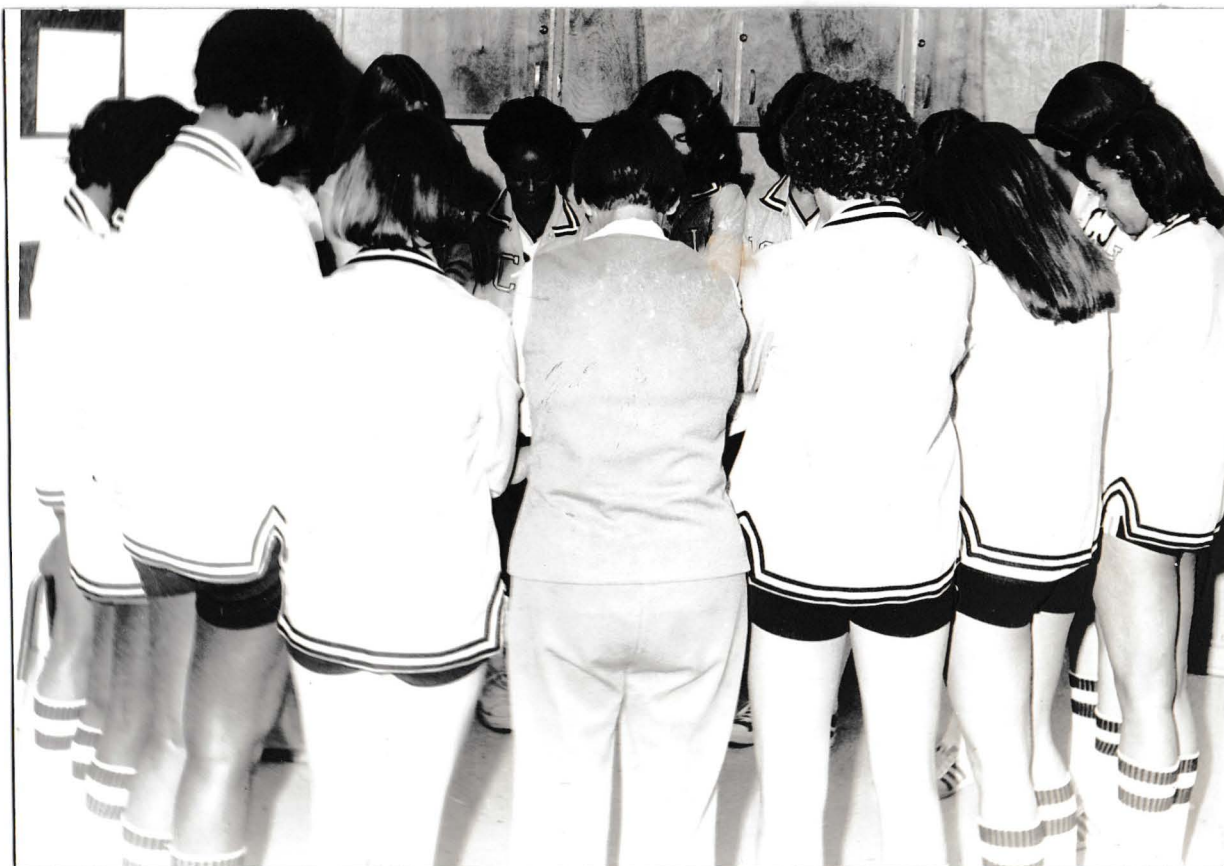


ECJC WARRIORETTES—East Central Junior College Warriorettes for the 1978-79 season are [From left] Front: Bobbie Collier of Philadelphia, Carla Halley of Morton, Esther Thomas of Louisville, Faye Quinn of Noxapater, and Faye Russell of Union. [Second Row] Velma Smith of Union,

Jo Lynn Elkins of Morton, Joyce Watkins of Lake, and Shelia Gilmer of Carthage. [Third Row] Coach Lucille Wood, Charlene Jones of Forest, Irma Johnson of Forest, Mona Tucker of Forest, Manager Jo Ann Darby, and Manager Skippy Latham.



1979-1980 Girls Basketball Team



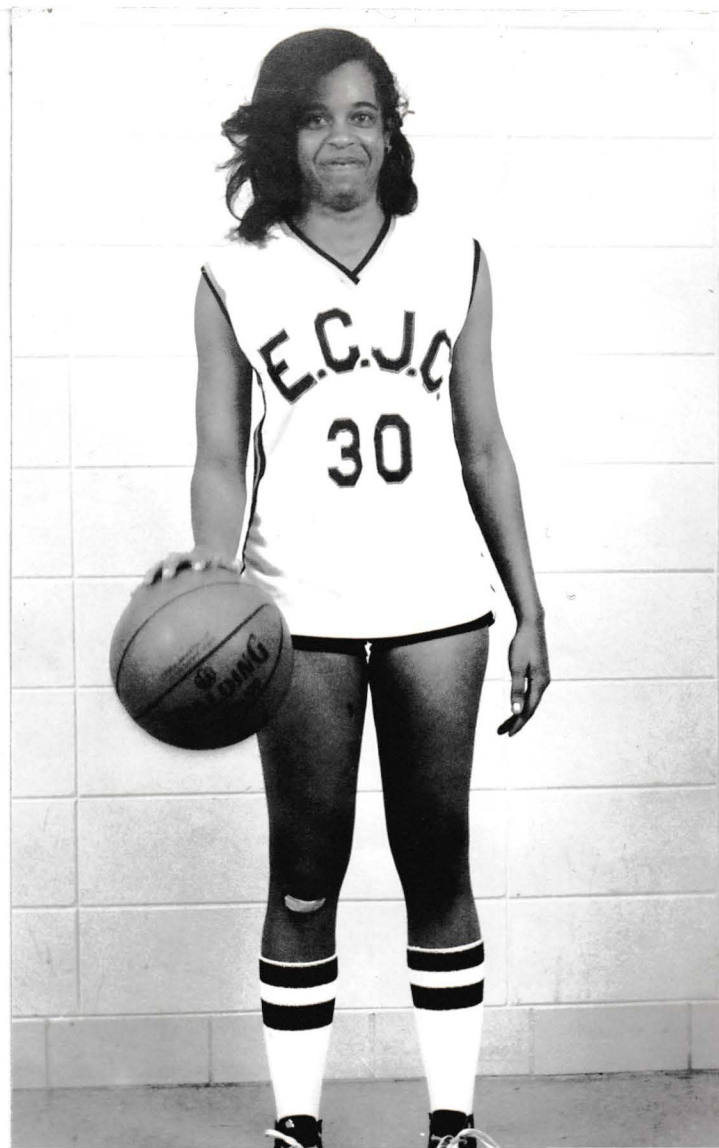
Ms. Wood-State Champion Trophy 1976







Charlene Jones- Forest (1978-1979)





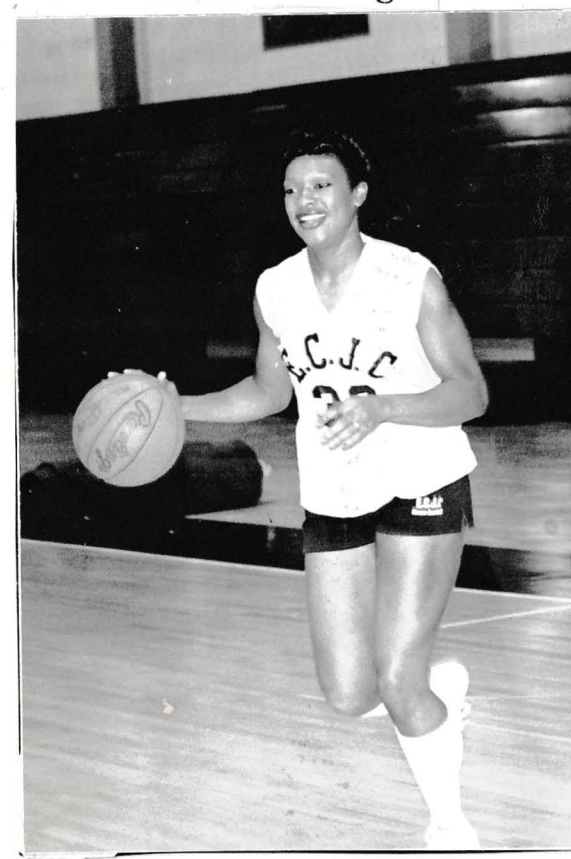


L-R: Quinn, Dees, Thomas, and Tucker. 1979





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Lucille Wood and Reathia Comans
Athletic Banquet 1980 ECJC



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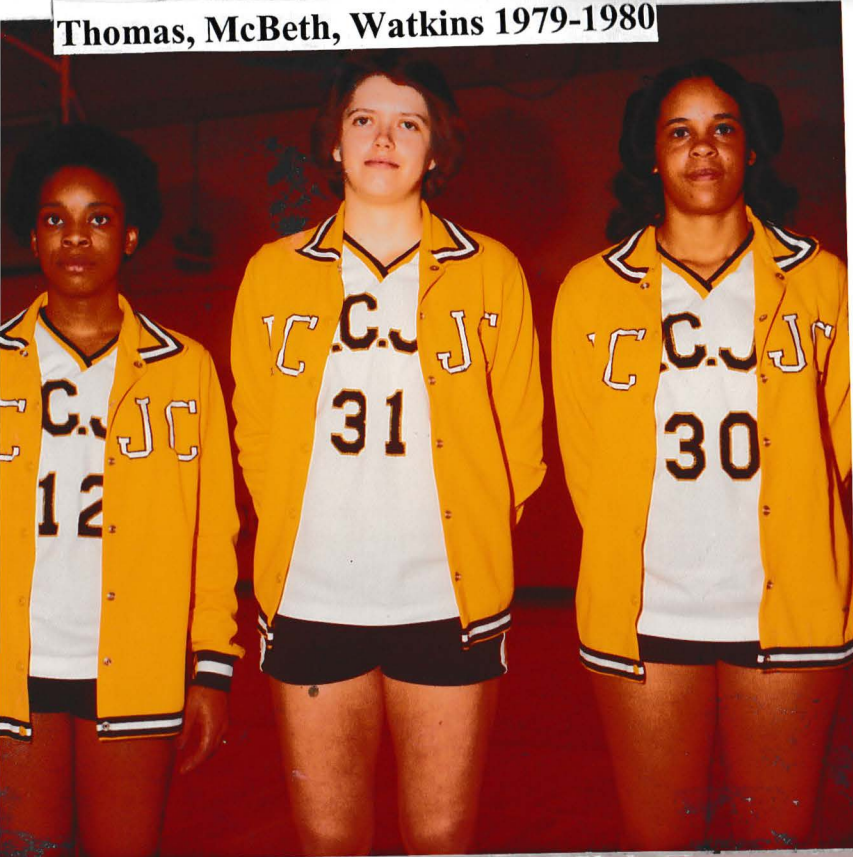
Wood, Everett, Tannehill, and Harvey







Thomas, McBeth, Watkins 1979-1980







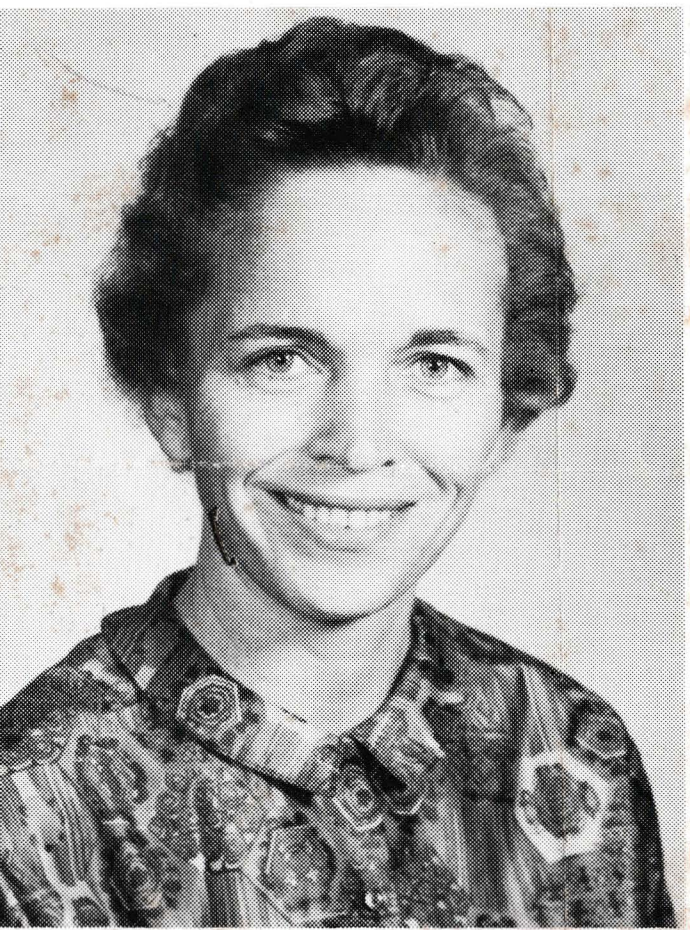
EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WARRIORETTES 1979-80

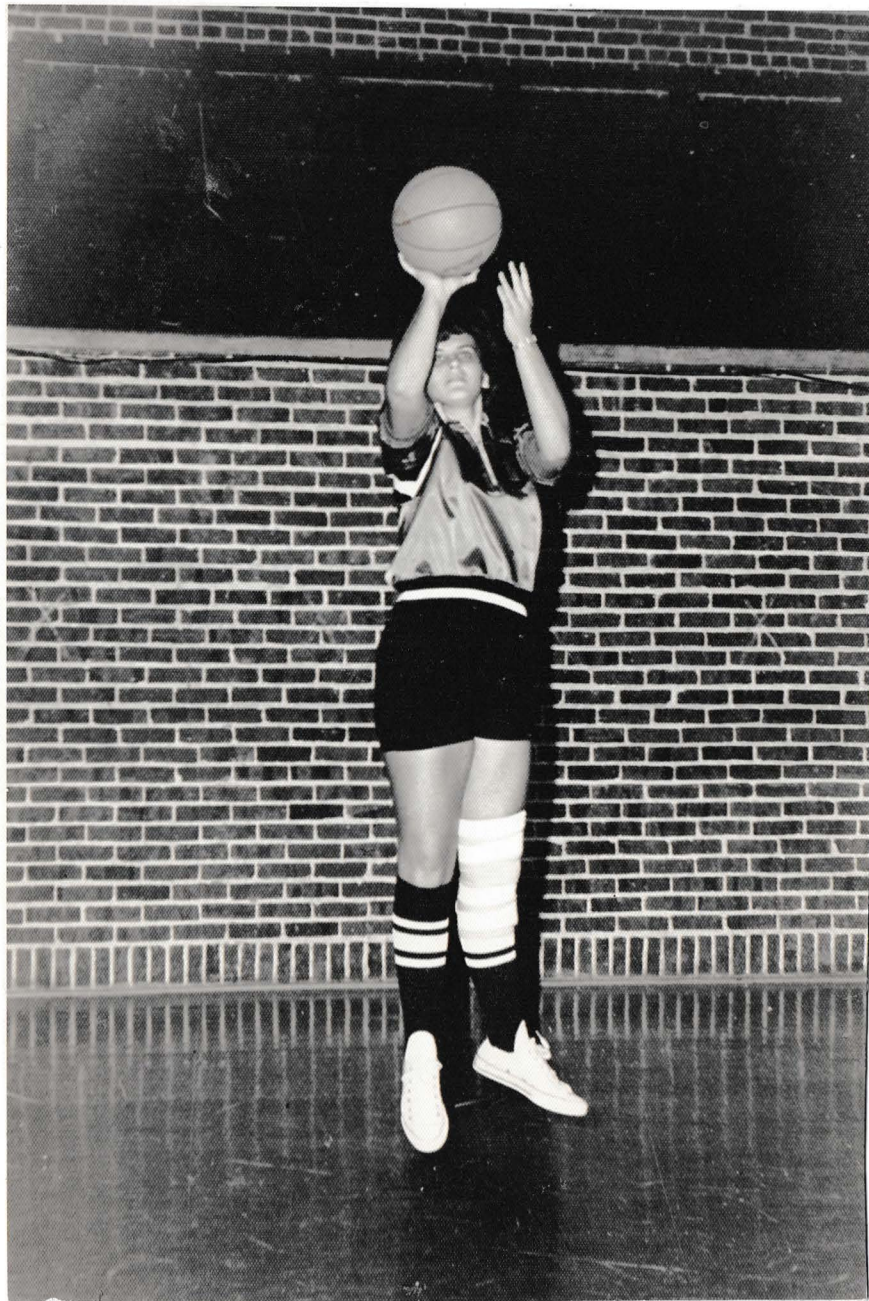
PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - SOUTH DIVISION REGULAR SEASON NO. 1: RECORD 12-2 - SOUTH
DIVISION TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - FINISHED 3RD IN THE STATE - REGION VII TOURNAMENT - SEASON
RECORD 20-7
COACH - LUCILLE WOOD

FIRST ROW L TO R: FAYE RUSSELL, SOPH. UNION; JANE DEES, FRESH. LEAKE ACD.; GLORIA ASHFORD, FRESH.,
LOUISVILLE; ESTHER THOMAS, SOPH., LOUISVILLE; IRIS SMITH, MGR. SOPH., DECATUR.
SECOND ROW L TO R: LUCILLE WOOD, COACH; FAYE QUINN, SOPH., NOXAPATER; JOYCE WATKINS, SOPH., LAKE;
KELLY WALSH, SOPH., FOREST; SKIPPY LATHEM, MGR., SOPH., SEBASTOPOL; MONA TUCKER, SOPH., FOREST;
DEBBIE MCBEATH, FRESH., SEBASTOPOL.





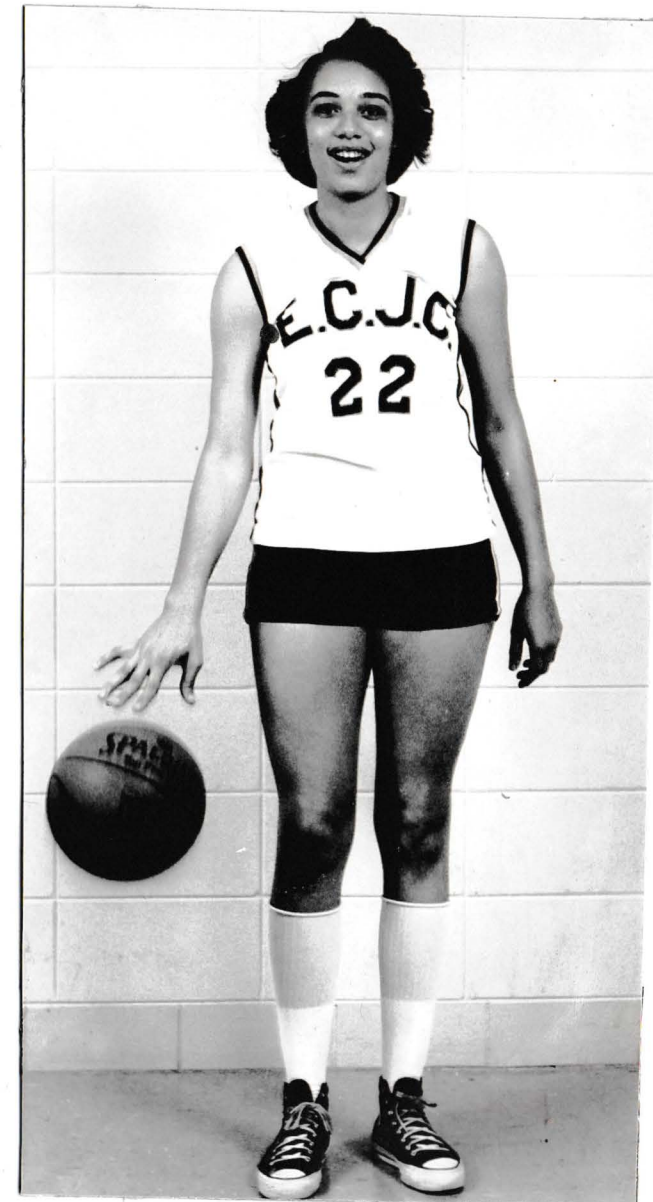




**Miss Lucille Wood- Alumnus of the ECJC
receives plaque from Henry b. Hudspeth**



1979-80 State Champs





Deana Lyons

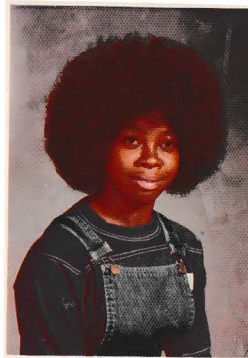


ECJC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1982-1983

1st Row L to R Mattie Burnside, Noxapater, First Team All-State, All-Region XXIII, Kodiak All-Region XI (Ms. La., Tx., N.M., Ark.), Leading Scorer in State and Region XXIII, Best Offense ECJC; Pam Coleman, Leake Academy, Honorable Mention All-State; Augusta Hardney, South Leake, ECJC Warriorette Award.

2nd Row L to R Earline Moore, Lake, ECJC Most Improved and Team Captain; Jo Bloodsaw, South Leake, Best Defense ECJC: Angie Ryals Winston Academy, Team Captain.

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Jeanette Hardy

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THE MERIDIAN STAR

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ECJC Women Keeping State Tourney Habit

By AUSTIN BISHOP

DECATUR — Lucille Wood is not John Wooden. But then who is?

Wood is, however, the 24th year Head Women's Basketball Coach of East Central Junior College. Since 1966 her squads have won 135 contests and lost 60 for a percentage of better than 67 percent.

Women's junior college basketball wasn't sanctioned by the Junior College Association until 1974. Today and tomorrow the sixth state Tournament for the junior college women will be held on the East Central campus.

It is the fourth time in a row that Wood has led a Warriorette squad into the state wars. The first trip for ECJC turned out to be the best, for in 1976 the Warriorettes won the State Championship. In 1977 they dropped to second and in 1978 third place was their destiny. If things keep going in a logical order it would seem that fourth place would find ECJC as its occupant. However, don't bet anything you want to keep on it.

East Central would like nothing more than to walk away with its second State Championship. The Warriorettes have one big thing going for them, the home court advantage. However, Coach Wood isn't so sure how much it will help.

"It (the home court advantage) would have to help a little because of travel and being used to the surroundings we will be playing in," said Wood. "We have good supporters from the community but not from the student body."

One good reason the Warriorettes have competitive team after competitive team is recruiting.

One of the major factories that helps the ECJC recruiting is that girls are easier to recruit for a junior college than boys. "Girls like to stay closer to home," said Wood. "I contact most of the players through their coaches. I don't knock down anybody's door. I try to see every team in my area (Winston, Newton, Leake, Neshoba and Scott counties) play before the year is out whether they have any prospect

or not."

Wood tries to be there when the team needs her, but does not try to play sister or mother to anybody. "I don't follow them (her players) everywhere they go. They don't have to worry about looking over their shoulders and seeing me following them. I trust them completely. They know when they have a game. They know better than staying out all night before a game. Studies are important to her. I don't want my players studying basketball during history and I don't want them studying history during basketball practice.

Wood believes that being too emotional hurts more than it helps. "We don't jump up and down and holler and carry on before a game like some of these other teams. We are calm and collected. We know there is a job to be done and we do it."

ECJC has trailed in almost every contest, including the seven they lost. The Warriorettes like to play catch-up ball. Wood thinks if the ladies were more emotional they wouldn't have won as many close games.

By the stroke of luck (a bad and almost deathly stroke if

you're from ECJC) East Central has to play possibly the best team in the state in the first round of the state tournament.

ECJC defeated Hinds to claim the South State title, while at the same time Northwest defeated Coahoma (then the No. 2 team in the nation) to claim the north title. Now by winning North the South, ECJC plays Coahoma. "We would have been better off if we would have lost," she said.

ECJC plays at 8:15 tonight while the Hinds-Northwest contest begins at 6:30. Tomorrow night's championship begins at 7.

This year's starting five is three-fifths Scott County natives. Carla Halley played at Morton, while Charlene Jones played for Forest, and Joyce Watkins played for Lake. Esther Thomas of Louisville and Bobbie Collier of South Leake are the other two starters.

Wood believes her team is hard to defense. "We have no stars," said Wood. "Someone else takes charge every game."

ECJC had better play their best game of the year tonight or they may be watching the final tomorrow night.

Highest Alumni Honor Goes TO ECJC Instructor

Tom-Tom 11-8-65



ALUMNUS OF YEAR—Lucille Wood, president of Alumni Association for the past two years, has been chosen as Alumnus of the Year by fellow Alumni and was honored at Alumni Banquet. Miss Wood, health and PE instructor at East Central, stands by Alumni Memorial Trophies which represent one of her many endeavors while serving as president of the association.

Lucille Wood Named Alumnus of Year Honored At Alumni Banquet Nov. 6

By NELL ALLEN

Lucille Wood, head of the health and physical education department of East Central, has been named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and was honored at the Alumni banquet, November 6.

Her selection was based on her valuable contributions to the school and her outstanding work with the Alumni Association.

Miss Wood, now completing her second term as president of the EC Alumni Association, has been an active officer of the association for three years. Under her adept guidance, the association has made many contributions to EC. Included are the replacement of Mrs. Janie Sullivan's picture in Sullivan Center and the placement of Miss Ethel Burton's picture in Burton Library. The women's physical education field, contributions toward the purchase of a trophy case, the 10 alumni memorial trophies, the 1940 state championship football team picture, and a football used by the 1940 team have also been given to the school by the Association since Miss Wood became president of it.

Miss Wood sent in entries and was instrumental in the selection of ECJC graduates by the Outstanding Young Men of America and the Outstanding Young Women of America. During her tenure as president, the selection of an Outstanding Teacher and an Outstanding Alumnus of the year was begun by the association.

In the two years of her presidency, the Alumni Association has sent out 2,000 news letters, and she has compiled an alumni file with over 1,000 current addresses of ECJC alumni.

Homecoming was especially meaningful this year to the alumni because of the collection of pictures

and papers Miss Wood placed on play. Among these were picture all ECJC coaches, of ECJC all-s and All-American athletes, of championship teams, a 1934 Sifter, a War-Whoop, the first edition of Tom-Tom, the first school annual and a sign for the women's P field presented by the alumni Winston County.

Miss Wood's degrees include A. A. from EC, a B. S. and M in health and P. E. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She also holds an AA certificate in C dance.

In addition to her busy life campus, Miss Wood participated in the M. E. A.; the Department of Classroom Teachers; I Kappa Gamma; National Association for Health, P. E. and Recreation; National Junior College Association and the Southern Association for College Women P. E. Teachers. She has also held the presidency of ECJC Faculty Club.

The Outstanding Alumnus of Year is elected by the executive committee after nominations by Alumni. One of the letters nominating Miss Wood reads, "We want to nominate Lucille Wood as 'Alumnus of the Year' because of the outstanding public relations job she has been doing in the capacity as president of the Alumni Association. We are sure that there are many other students such as ourselves who had completely lost touch with school before she began this. We feel that the projects sponsored and accomplished by the association this past year are largely a credit to her hard work."

Miss Wood is a native of Lenoirville and Winston County and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wood.

ECJC State Champs

By BILLY TURNER
Star Sports Writer

DECATUR — Super Game No. 1 was termed an upset when East Central Junior College women's team defeated Itawamba, the defending champion in the North Division tournament.

Saturday night, when East Central won the women's overall Mississippi Junior College title in Super Game No. 2, it couldn't be called an upset anymore. Things don't happen like that twice in a row.

East Central was crowned the Overall State champion by doing away with the Itawamba Lady Indians on the East Central court 86-77.

It took overcoming a case of nerves and foul trouble for the Warriorettes to do the job. They did, though, outpointing Itawamba 19-10 in the last five minutes after the contest was tied one last time at 67.

Evelyn Bender, surely the most valuable player in the state, scored 10 points during that stretch when the game was still very much in doubt.

She had begun very slowly, because as she said, "I was just trying to get something started. I guess I was a little nervous in the first half."

With Bender getting only eight, on a 25-point-per game average the Warriorettes turned to the inside work of Diana Lyons. Lyons, from Philadelphia's Neshoba Central, got inside of the Itawamba man-to-man for 13 first half points.

Noxapater's Donna Carter. In the final five minutes Bender got 10 points including six in the final minute, to ease the Warriorettes to the final margin.

Talking about Bender after the game, Wood said, "She wants to be modest. She's kind of nervous at the first, but once she gets scoring, she is alright."

Bender finished her career at East Central with 1,081 points in 42 games, but the sweetest points she ever scored were the final bucket at the buzzer.

That insured the title, the first East Central had won

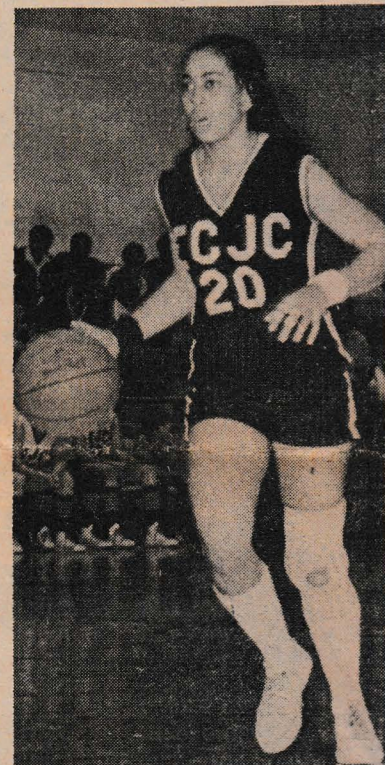
under the present junior college setup.

Bender had 26, Lyons 23, Jeanette Barnes 20 and Julie Latham 10 for ECJC Itawamba was led by Charlotte Jackson's 26 while Jeanie Loyd had 24 and Lisa Hooker 10.

ECJC (86)				Itawamba (77)			
Player	fg	ft	tp	Player	fg	ft	tp
Bender	9	8	26	Jackson	13	0	26
Lyons	10	3	23	Loyd	10	4	24
Carter	2	3	7	Hooker	5	0	10
Latham	5	0	10	Murphy	1	0	2
Barnes	8	4	20	Warren	1	0	2
				McFerrin	2	0	4
				Spight	2	1	5
				Davis	2	0	4
TOTALS	34	18	86	Totals	36	5	77

EAST CENTRAL	43	43	— 86
ITAWAMBA	41	36	— 77

Fouls: ECJC 18, IJC 23.



LED WARRIORETES — East Central Junior College women's Coach Lucille Wood holds the trophy and star player Evelyn Bender holds the ball that the Warriorettes used in winning the state championship Saturday night at Decatur. Bender scored 26 points in the team's 86-77 win over defending state champion Itawamba.

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to a 45-11 lead at the half, after
the Warrioretts had been up by
as much as 10.

Lyons, who never played
before her junior year in high
school, picked up her fourth
foul in the game with 12
minutes left, and her leaving
the close game would have
possibly doomed the East
Central chances.

But Lucille Wood, the ECJC
coach, merely switched her
zone defense to put Lyons on
the outside where she remained
in the contest until its end.

Itawamba fought back from
being down by five early in the
final half to take the lead at
55-54. The Indians moved ahead
by as many as five before East
Central made its final move.

The Warriorettes took back
the lead for the final time with
6:18 on a bucket by

JUCO Standings

Through Games of Dec. 6
NORTH DIVISION MEN

	Div. Games		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Itawamba	4	0	8	2
Miss. Delta	3	1	6	5
Northwest	2	2	7	2
Northeast	2	2	5	5
Coahoma	2	2	4	8
East Miss.	2	2	3	7
Holmes	1	3	2	9
Meridian	0	4	1	10

Through Games of Dec. 6
SOUTH DIVISION MEN

	Div. Games		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Co-Lin	3	1	6	2
East Central	2	1	8	2
Gulf Coast	2	1	6	2
Pearl River	2	2	7	3
Jones	2	2	5	4
Utica	1	2	6	4
Southwest	1	2	4	3
Hinds	0	2	5	2

Scoring

Name, Team	G	TP	Avg
Tanner, Coahoma	11	237	21.5
Terry, Jones	9	186	20.7
Purnell, Holmes	11	216	19.6
Proctor, Hinds	7	130	18.6
Morken, M. Delta	11	198	18.0

Standings

Through Games of Dec. 6
NORTH DIVISION WOMEN

	Div. Games		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Northwest	4	0	9	0
East Miss.	4	0	9	1
Coahoma	3	1	7	2
Itawamba	2	2	6	3
Northeast	1	3	4	4
Miss. Delta	1	3	3	6
Holmes	1	3	4	9
Meridian	0	4	1	9

Through games of Dec. 6
SOUTH DIVISION WOMEN

	South Games		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
East Central	3	0	7	3
Jones	3	1	5	3
Gulf Coast	2	1	5	2
Co-Lin	2	2	6	2
Hinds	1	1	4	3
Southwest	1	2	5	3
Pearl River	1	3	3	7
Utica	0	3	3	7

Scoring

Name, Team	G	TP	Avg
McKinney, Hims	13	285	21.9
McBeath, E. Cent	10	193	19.3
Holston, Hinds	5	87	17.4
Sally, Northwest	9	153	17.0
Broom, Coahoma	9	146	16.2
Darty, Jones	8	128	16.0

Doubly nice: East Central reaches

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.500, South championship

By LEE BAKER
Clarion-Ledger Sports Writer

East Central's Lady Warriors finally evened their season record at 12-12 with an 81-62 romp over Utica in the Lady Bulldogs' Boyd Gymnasium Thursday, putting the victors into the state junior college South Division women's championship Saturday in Wesson at Copiah-Lincoln.

Co-Lin's perfect-record Lady Wolves, ranked second in the country by the National Junior College Athletic Association, boosted their record to 27-0 by burying Mississippi Gulf Coast 76-46 in the other South semifinal at Wesson.

In the North Division semifinals, top-seeded Northwest Mississippi's Lady Rangers lifted their record to 20-1 with a thundering 90-48

smashing of Itawamba, now 21-6, and second-seeded Northeast Mississippi's Lady Tigers moved to 20-4 with an 87-83 nudging of East Mississippi, 14-7, to set up their division final Saturday in Senatobia at Northwest.

Utica, now 19-8, hardly anticipated the destruction which came after splitting two earlier meetings with East Central — winning 87-77 at home and losing 72-71 at Decatur. After all, the Lady Warriors lost seven of nine games before the Christmas break and had spent all the second semester struggling to reach a breakeven .500 record finally achieved at Utica.

After two early leads, Utica fell behind 6-4 after four minutes and never caught up.

Turnovers hurt the Lady Bulldogs when East Central began breaking away, but once the Lady

Warriors established command — first with a run moving from three points up to nine, soon followed by a surge from six up to fourteen, there never would be any catching up. The rout peaked at 23 points, ECJC ahead 71-48 with 5:42 left before finally easing off.

UJC coach Lester Owens, his dreams of a state championship contender in shards, gave greatest credit for the stunning loss to the Lady Warrior defense.

"They clogged the middle with their zone, denying the ball to (Beulah) Leggins and (Rochelle) Henderson, and we couldn't score enough outside to stay up," he said.

The ECJC zone, Owens added, "was the best we've faced this year, and, of course, they ran the ball on us whenever they wanted."

Lucille Woods, who has seen most everything in her 27 years of coaching the ECJC women, took the shocker in stride, noting "about six games ago we finally began playing well and now we've won seven of our last eight, the only loss to Hinds, when we were ahead 16 at the half. We're young — just two sophomores, Joy Eichelberger and Beverly Chambers — and small, but quick, which makes a difference."

Offensively, East Central was utterly destructive, led by Eichelberger, who had a game-high 26 points before being taken out with a twisted ankle 8:43 from the finish. Karen Miller with 21, Chambers 16 and Sethia Townsend 12 provided solid support.

ride on tonight's 7 o'clock matchups pitting Northeast Mississippi against Northwest Mississippi at Booneville and Copiah-Lincoln against Hinds at Wesson.

All four are in the state playoffs at Booneville, which pair North champion against South runner-up and South champion against North runner-up Monday with the winners tangling Tuesday for the overall championship.

Co-Lin and Hinds tied for the South regular-season title, each 10-4; both are 22-4 overall and split two meetings, Hinds winning 103-95 at Raymond, Co-Lin winning 84-61 at Wesson. North champ Northeast (13-1 division, 22-5 overall) and runner-up Northwest (12-2, 17-4)





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